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# Office Action Summary

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

OSAKA-SHI ET AL

Examiner

Rick K. Chang

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## Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

## Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 03 December 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

## Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 24-36 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 26-28 and 31-34 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 24,25,29,30,35 and 36 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

## Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

## Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).  
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:  
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.  
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.  
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).  
\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application) since a specific reference was included in the first sentence of the specification or in an Application Data Sheet. 37 CFR 1.78.  
a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121 since a specific reference was included in the first sentence of the specification or in an Application Data Sheet. 37 CFR 1.78.

## Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) \_\_\_\_\_ 6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**DETAILED ACTION**

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claim 24 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Covell, II et al (US 5,718,367).

Covell discloses simultaneously and unitarily forming the protrusions (72) along with the wiring patterns (71).

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claim 25 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Covell, II et al (US 5,718,367) in view of Abe (US 5,746,868).

Covell fails to disclose providing a same conductive sintered material for the wiring patterns and the protrusions.

Abe discloses providing a same conductive sintered material for the wiring patterns and the protrusions (8 and 9).

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It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Covell by providing a same conductive sintered material for the wiring patterns and the protrusions, as taught by Abe, for the purpose of forming uniform thickness interconnection patterns.

5. Claims 35-36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Covell, II et al (US 5,718,367)/Abe (US 5,746,868) as applied to claim 24 above, and further in view of Tsunoi et al (US 6,482,676).

Covell/Abe fail to disclose modifying the protrusions by imposing a load.

Tsunoi discloses modifying the protrusions by imposing a load (Fig. 1B).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Covell/Abe by modifying the protrusions by imposing a load, as taught by Tsunoi, for the purpose of providing substantially equal height protrusions to aid in mounting.

6. Claims 29-30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Covell, II et al (US 5,718,367) in view of Abe (US 5,746,868), and further in view of Tsunoi et al (US 6,482,676).

Covell and Abe disclose as mentioned in Paragraphs 2 and 4-5 above. Covell discloses a semiconductor device (95) inherently having a plurality of connecting locations and electrical pads where the wiring patterns and protrusions are electrically and mechanically connected. Covell's element 90 is an insulating substrate because it insulates element 95.

Tsunoi discloses modifying the protrusions by imposing a load (Fig. 1B).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Covell/Abe by modifying the protrusions by imposing a load, as taught by Tsunoi, for the purpose of providing substantially equal height protrusions to aid in mounting.

***Response to Arguments***

7. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 24-25, 29-30 and 35-36 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

***Conclusion***

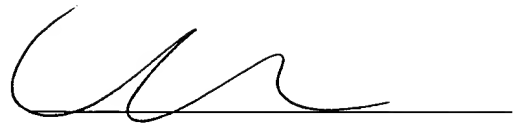
8. **Please provide reference numerals (either in parentheses next to the claimed limitation or in a table format with one column listing the claimed limitation and another column listing corresponding reference numerals in the remark section of the response to the Office Action) to all the claimed limitations as well as support in the disclosure for better clarity. Applicants are duly reminded that a full and proper response to this Office Action that includes any amendment to the claims and specification of the application as originally filed requires that the applicant point out the support for any amendment made to the disclosure, including the claims. See 37 CFR 1.111 and MPEP 2163.06.**

9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Rick K. Chang whose telephone number is (703) 308-4784. The examiner can normally be reached on 5:30 AM to 1:30 PM, Monday through Thursday.

The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703) 872-9302 for regular communications and (703) 872-9303 for After Final communications.

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**RICHARD CHANG**  
**PRIMARY EXAMINER**

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